[16th March 1959

(*b*) A meeting was held on 23rd December 1958 at the office of the Collector of Tirunelveli.

SRI T. VELUCHAMI : இந்த மீட்டிங்கில் செய்யப்பட்ட ஆலோசனைகளைப்பற்றி என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டன?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : அந்த விவரம் இப்பொழுது என்னிடம் இல்லை.

Social Welfare Board, Tirunelveli District

* 813 *Q.*—SRI T. VELUCHAMI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the activities of the Social Welfare Board in Tirunelveli district during 1957 and 1958; and

(*b*) the expenditure incurred during these years?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) The following activities are carried on in the Centres opened in the Welfare Extension Project launched in Tirunelveli district :—

(1) Training in Spinning, Tailoring and Embroidery is imparted to the women who attend the Centres.

(2) Maternity Aid is provided.

(3) Balwadi Classes are conducted for the benefit of children.

(*b*)—

		Total expenditure.	Share of State Government.
		RS.	RS.
1956–57	..	33,038	8,259
1957–58	..	52,239	17,402

Coconut breeding-cum-research station

* 814 *Q.*—SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER (on behalf of SRI V. SANKARAN) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state how far the proposal of the Government to start a coconut breeding-*cum*-research station either at Sholavandan or Nilakottai has been implemented?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no proposal to start a coconut breeding-*cum*-research station either at Sholavandan or at Nilakottai.

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : Considering the importance of coconut cultivation and production, are the Government appointing any Research Officer for carrying on research on the availability and suitability of soil at least in the coastal areas of this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no such proposal. But, Government have already sanctioned two research stations—parasite breeding stations—, one at Nagercoil and the other at Gudiyatham. There is also a proposal to re-open the parasite-breeding station at Udangudi in Tirunelveli district which was closed sometime back. The approval of the Government of India has been sought.